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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Examiner: Rimell, S.

For: Method of Grouping and Analyzing Clinical Risks, and System Therefor

**Response and Amendment**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, paper number 11, mailed October 9, 2001 in the captioned application. Applicants respectfully request a one (1) month extension thereby extending the time for reply from January 9, 2002 to February 9, 2002. If any extension of time is required to consider this response, such extension is hereby requested. Please charge any additional fees due in connection with this Amendment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

9. (Amended) A method of creating a classification system for rating the nature and severity of health care requirements, characterized by:
- (a) obtaining a set of medical care codes;
  - (b) categorizing the medical care codes into major disease categories;
  - (c) categorizing the medical care codes into episode disease categories based on the severity and persistence of the disease, and assigning each episode disease category to a major disease category;

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